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Tuesday, August 8, 2006

-- In "The Old Middle East" published in progressive Arabic daily
Al-Qabas Abdul Rahman Ali Al-Saied wrote (8/8):

"Ms. Rice, I am no political expert such as yourself, but I can tell
you that your dream will not come to be so long as rights are lost,
homes are demolished, and children are displaced. To you I say, we
do not need a new Middle East as much as we need a new United
States. A United States that sees the world through a neutral lens,
not an Israeli lens. A United States that does desecrate our blood,
our children's blood, our homes, and our wealth."

-- "Kuwait Before All Turbans" was the title of Nabil Al-Fadl's
editorial in moderate Arabic daily Al-Watan (8/8):

"A fool will say that America did not liberate us for our sake, but
for its interests. We say to him, 'as we love Lebanon so we love
America too.' This love is not for the sake of America; rather it
is for our interests. Our interests with America outweigh our
interests with all Arabs, including Lebanon."

-- Deputy Editor-in-chief of moderate Arabic daily Al-Watan Walid
Jassim Al-Jassim commented under the title "Bush Look-Alikes"
(8/8):

"The extremists among Hezbollah-Kuwait branch hate Bush's theory
that 'those who are not with us are against us.' But they believe
in the exact same theory as Bush. They are the most prominent
practitioners of the theory that those who do not believe in the
same principles as they are their enemies."

-- In "An Israeli Visa to Enter Lebanon" Editor-in-chief of the
pro-government Arabic daily Al-Seyassah Ahmed Al-Jarallah penned
(8/8):

"As those of feeble minds do, we bet on France's position, which
favored its Western interests and which was the first to ask us to
agree to the resolution. France went chose the American proposals
over us with our emotional positions. It is now known to the world
that Lebanon will not be a card in the hands of Iranian and Syrian
interests, nor will it be a backyard attached to events in Iraq."

-- "Our Place and Our Reality on the Humanity Map" was the title of
writer and researcher Bandar Ayed Al-Zafiri's editorial in

pro-government daily Al-Seyassah (8/8):

"As we previously stated, the United States, through its neo-Zionist rulers, has during many centuries been able to tamper with humanity's achievements of principles, norms, and even institutions. This became very clear at the United Nations and the resolution it [The United States] is trying to draft with glaring favoritism to injustice."

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